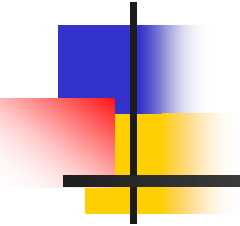


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# Review of action items from AfREN 2007



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# Community building

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## **Planned**

- Leverage on the existing community by channeling efforts to RENs
- AfREN as an united voice that will help the African ICT dialogue and link to other similar initiatives outside Africa

## **Achieved**

- Involvement of community for actions towards establishments of RENs
- Links between initiatives at national sub-regional levels
- Support to actions aiming to link with initiatives outside Africa



# Communication and experience sharing

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## **Planned**

- Enhance communication among the community
- Sharing of best practices

## **Achieved**

- AfREN list
- Dissemination of best practices and success stories



# Sensitisation and lobbying

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## Planned

- Joint tactics for leveraging infrastructure, funding opportunities;
- Outreach to government, industry, universities to pool resources,
- Lobbying to include enough dark fiber and to release free capacity to NRENs;
- Awareness raising of senior decision makers on the importance of NRENs;
- Lobbying ministries, telcos, regulatory agencies, AU Ministers of Education

## Achieved

- Sensitisation actions at all possible occasions (meetings, workshops, conferences)
- ICT policy and NREN sessions for HEI leaders and other stakeholders (COREVIP, LEDEV)
- Publications
- Involvement of key stakeholders as strategic partners (telecommunications regulators, RECs, Civil Society, donors, etc.)
- Link to AUC



# Critical resources

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## **Planned**

- Dark fibre must be identified and used to connect the NREN's ;
- Survey in order to know where we are
- Institution that get their address space from commercial ISP's should get them for their NRENs that are LIR's or from AFRINIC

## **Achieved**

- Dark fibre study
- Positive AfriNIC's response to AAU's request for special pricing for education and research institutions: 50% discount for allocation of IP resources
- Sensitisation through joint activities with AfriNIC and AfNOG



## Other issues

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### **Planned**

- More directors to be invited at AfREN meetings;
- There is a need to localize the technology transfer by taking AfNOG home;
- Action on the ground

### **Achieved**

- Senior decision makers at THIS meeting
- Encouragement of « localization » of AfNOG workshops
- Support for actions at national level (especially for policy dialogue)

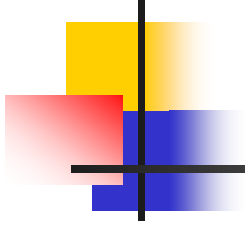


# Some successes at national and sub-regional levels

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- Malawi: license for VSAT operation
- Uganda: fibre capacity donation to NREN
- Nigeria: NgNOG + 10s of HEIs committed for ngREN
- South Africa: IRU for 10 Gbps for 20 years
- Ghana: progress on policy dialogue for the establishment of GARNET
- Senegal: take-off of policy dialogue for NREN establishment
- UbuntuNet Alliance: 4 new members raise membership to 10 NRENs (established or in formation)
- Rwanda: subsidy of bandwidth access for the NREN by national regulator through Universal Access Fund
- Many others successes





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